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SUBJECT: UNESCO FELLOWSHIPS IN U.S.

REFERENCES: A. PARIS 29214

B. EVANS-SLEEPER TELECON DECEMBER 6

C. STATE 19374, 1/30/74

D. STATE 070117, 4/6/74

E. STATE 109978, 5/24/74

1. U.S. PERMDEL TO UNESCO DISTURBED AT POSSIBILITY
RAISED IN REFERENCED TELECON THAT STATE/CU/AID MAY NOT,
AT THIS LATE DATE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH UNESCO, BE ABLE
TO PROVIDE UNESCO FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMMING AND PLACEMENT
SERVICES AS AUTHORIZED IN REFERENCES C, D AND E.

2. AS INDICATED PARIS 1459 UNESCO NO LONGER ABLE
CONTINUE PAYING ADMINISTERING AGENCY FEES TO
THE SIX COUNTRIES WHICH CHARGE SUCH FEES (U.S., FRANCE,
FRG, ITALY, JAPAN, SWITZERLAND). UNTIL 1973 FEES TRANS-
FERRED THESE SIX COUNTRIES, COMING TO AROUND \$300,000
ANNUALLY WERE CHARGED AGAINST UNDP PROJECT COSTS.
STARTING 1974, NEW UNDP RULES PROHIBITED THESE FEES AS
PROJECT COSTS. AS EMERGENCY MEASURE UNESCO IN 1974
ABSORBED THOSE FEES IN THEIR REGULAR BUDGET WHILE
SEEKING LONGER TERM SOLUTION.

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3. 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE APPROVED UP TO \$ 265,000 FOR 1975 - 1976 TO COVER FEE EXPENDITURES WHILE NEW ARRANGEMENTS ARE WORKED OUT WITH SIX INVOLVED HOST COUNTRIES. SOME \$ 600,000 WOULD HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO CONTINUE PRIOR FEE PAYING ARRANGEMENTS TO MAINTAIN SAME NUMBER OF FELLOWSHIPS TO THESE SIX COUNTRIES. UNESCO THUS HAS OPTIONS OF : ONE, ROUGHLY HALFING NUMBER OF FELLOWSHIPS IN SIX INVOLVED COUNTRIES IN 1975-76 WITH FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN FUTURE YEARS, OR TWO, NEGOTIATING REDUCTION IN FEES.

4. PERMDEL CONTINUES WITH STRONG OPINION THAT U.S. NATIONAL INTEREST IS BEST SERVED BY MAINTAINING AND EVEN INCREASING NUMBERS OF UNESCO FELLOWSHIPS IN U.S. PERMDEL WAS GRATIFIED TO KNOW FROM REFERENCED CABLES THAT STATE/CU/AID COULD PROVIDE PLACEMENT AND PROGRAMMING SERVICES AT NO COST TO UNESCO WITH UNESCO PROVIDING ITS OWN ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO FELLOWS IN U.S.

5. PERMDEL STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE TENTATIVE DECISION MENTIONED IN REFERENCED TELECON NOT TO PROCEED WITH PROVIDING PROGRAMMING AND PLACEMENT SERVICES TO UNESCO FELLOWS BE RECONSIDERED.

6. IT RECOMMENDED THAT STAFFING AND FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS IN STATE/CU/AID FOR 1975 AND BEYOND BE SUCH THAT 100 UNESCO FELLOWS CAN BE PROGRAMMED AND PLACED IN 1975 AND SOME 275 UNESCO FELLOWS CAN BE PROGRAMMED AND PLACED ANNUALLY STARTING IN 1976 AND CONTINUING INDEFINITELY.

7. REQUEST COPIES THIS CABLE BE PROVIDED ARTHUR KIMBALL, DIRECTOR AID/SER/IT AND GORDON EVANS, CHIEF UN RELATIONS DIVISION AID/PPC/IA.
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